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1. The following information was obtained from the construction of the first part of the... the work on the boat at the shipyard will therefore be completed soon.

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1. On 6 January 1955, as much as those caused by the tracks of full-track vehicles led from the Karl Kaserne in Kagrán (P 49/X 49) toward the Sibenbrunn (P 49/S 60) road. Two of the shedroofs between

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Karl Kaserne. Motor vehicles observed included jeep [redacted] van-like motor vehicle [redacted] and trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 1

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2. Officers and motor vehicles observed on 6 January 1955 at the Trost Kaserne in Vienna included 5 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 3 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets, truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, van-like driving-school motor vehicle [redacted] trucks [redacted] jeep [redacted] and van-like motor vehicle [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. About 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets received basic training and practiced with weapons on the training ground south of the Trost Kaserne where the aiming device representing a moving air target was again observed. Three squads each of which included a squad leader and 2 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced the emplacing of, the preparing of an emplacement for, and the displacing of what appeared to be an armor-piercing weapon. The men were supervised by a senior lieutenant who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The weapon had a thin-walled unrifled barrel about 1 meter long and of about 70 mm. It had a detachable carrying handle at the muzzle, iron sheels, a shield with 2 lateral pivot shields and round trails about 1 meter long. The two soldiers operated the weapon while, on the firing, the squad leader, who

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was a sergeant, carried a box about 1 meter high and about 50 cm wide which was equipped with carrying straps and was presumably an ammunition container. A T 34/85 tank [ ]

[ ] was observed at driving exercises which were supervised by an officer. On driving through the shelled area, the 2-man crew repeatedly received instructions by the officer. Five soldiers who wore undetermined service color were observed at aiming practices with a 57-mm AT gun. A fresh imprint such as might be caused by a full-track vehicle led from the repair shop at 109 to 111 Trost Strasse to the training ground south of the Trost Kaserne. The storage sheds of the garage near the water tower at 3 Windten Strasse were closed. The garage was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Through fissures in the fence, 21 trucks, [ ]

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[ ] and 6 van-like motor vehicles were observed in the area of the garage at 83 Bernerstorfer Gasse which was patrolled by sentries. No activity was noted at the garage at 97 to 103 Alxinger Gasse. 2

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3. On 3 January 1955, a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks [ ] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 48/X 89). The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sixty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets drilled and practiced with rifles in the barracks area where 4 trucks were parked. A launcher carrier and the radiators of 9 motor vehicles were observed under shedroofs in the barrack area. 3

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4. On 30 December 1954, 16x31-mm AA guns, 3 armored halftrack vehicles, 25 trucks and 3 jeeps were parked in the area of Camp No 1 in Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 7). The camp was guarded by sentries at the gate and on the watchtower who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Intensive activity was noted in the area of the camp. Motor vehicles observed there included trucks [ ]

with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and trucks [ ] and van-like motor vehicle [ ] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Six 122-mm field howitzers were definitely observed, while another 6 guns of the same model were not clearly seen. Four 85-mm AA guns and 32 motor vehicles were observed on the hill east of the camp. Jeep [ ] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets left Camp No 2. The camp was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Only few soldiers were observed in the area of this camp. 4

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1. [ ] Comment. The 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt is stationed at Vienna-Kagran. Previous reports have also mentioned that the unit is equipped with JS-3 tanks. Most of the motor vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to the Kagran station.

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2. [ ] Comment. The Trost Kaserne in Vienna X quarters the 44th Gds Mech Regt which has presumably also occupied the garages near the water tower on Windten Strasse, Bernerstorfer Gasse and Alxinger Gasse. The armor-piercing weapon which is mentioned in the present report is possibly identical to the model SPG-82 AT rocket. It is definitely believed that the T-34/85 tank mentioned in the present report belongs to the 127th Tank Bn. Almost all of the [ ] mentioned in the present report belong to component units of the 13th Gds Mech Div which are stationed in Vienna.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The 15th Gds Rocket Launcher Bn of the 13th Gds Mech Div is stationed at Hainburg. It is believed that the unit is still stationed there.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The observations made in the area of Camp No 1 in Kaisersteinbruch confirm the 2500th AAA Regt and the 32d Gds How Arty Regt, both of them component units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, until January 1955. [REDACTED]

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